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Restoring Your Driving Privileges

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Road To Reinstatement

Driving is a privilege

The Secretary of State's office recognizes that the loss of driving privileges can cause great hardship. Under Illinois law, drivers may apply for reinstatement or a restricted driving permit.

The Department of Administrative Hearings of the Secretary of State's office handles all applications for the reinstatement of driving privileges and restricted driving permits.

This brochure offers an explanation of how to contact the department, as well as definitions of some of the terms used and procedures to follow. On the back is a listing of locations where hearings are held for reinstatement of driving privileges and restricted driving permits.

The Secretary of State's office is responsible for ensuring that only responsible, qualified drivers have their driving privileges reinstated.

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HOW TO OBTAIN A RESTRICTED DRIVING PERMIT OR REINSTATEMENT

(Please refer to the definitions of terms on the next two panels of this brochure for more details)

Restricted Driving Permit (RDP)

Eligibility

Must provide proof of "undue hardship" because of employment, medical or educational reasons.

Reinstatement

Eligibility

You cannot apply for reinstatement before your eligibility date.

Consultation

Contact hearing officer (see listing on back for availability)

Complete Alcohol Requirements:

IMPORTANT — If your record reflects an alcohol-related offense, you must complete the following alcohol requirements after your consultation:

- Must complete alcohol evaluation by Departmentof Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA)-licensed provider within six months prior to hearing date. Evaluator will classify you Level I, II or III. Hearing officer will provide list of DASA providers by county.

If Level I (Minimal risk):

- Must also complete alcohol remedial education class by DASA-licensed provider.

If Level II (Moderate or significant risk):

- Must complete Level I requirements **PLUS:**
- Provide proof of completion of recommended alcohol treatment.

If Level III (High risk):

- Provide proof of completion of recommended treatment. (Further assessment and counseling if non-dependent).

Dependent only:

- Provide proof of a support system (such as Alcoholics Anonymous, a church group, etc.) and abstinence.
- Provide 3 letters from members of your support group confirming your participation in the support group.
- Provide 3 letters from independent sources confirming your abstinence from alcohol.

Informal Hearing or Formal Hearing

Informal for an offense that did not involve a fatality or for a single alcohol-related offense; formal for an offense involving a fatality or for multiple DUIs.

RDP Granted

- Provide proof of financial responsibility within 60 days.
- Pay $8 issuance fee.
- Submit verification of employment, medical or educational need for RDP.
- Take drivers examination if required.

RDP

You will receive your RDP by mail. You cannot operate a motor vehicle until you have it in your possession.

Denial

If denied after informal hearing, must apply for formal hearing or wait 30 days for another informal hearing. If denied after formal hearing, must wait four months to request another formal hearing.

Reinstatement Granted

The following requirements must be completed within six months or you will have to start the process over.

- Provide proof of financial responsibility.
- Pay $60 reinstatement fee to this office.

Authorization for New License

You will receive by mail. You may be required to take a full or partial driver's license exam. There is a $10 fee for a new license.

Terms and Definitions

Alcohol-related offense - for driving under the influence, implied consent or statutory summary suspension; or reckless homicide or other fatality accident if alcohol was shown to be a factor.

Consultation - the first step in applying for reinstatement of driving privileges or a restricted driving permit (RDP) after suspension or revocation. Consultation takes place with a hearing officer, who reviews the applicant's driving record and explains the documents required to apply for reinstatement of driving privileges or an RDP.

Denial - the refusal of any request for reinstatement or an RDP.

Eligibility date - a driver cannot be considered for reinstatement until the eligibility date, which is a predetermined period of time from the effective date of revocation or extension order and is indicated as: proj. elig.

Formal hearing - for a driver whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for an offense(s) involving a fatality or multiple DUIs. Must be requested in writing.

Informal hearing - for a driver whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for an offense(s) not involving a fatality or for a single alcohol-related offense. Usually held on a walk-in basis.

Proof of financial responsibility - a requirement before reinstatement or issuance of a restricted driving permit. Methods include: certified policy of insurance, cash deposit or surety bond. Financial Responsibility Insurance must be filed with this office and maintained for a period of three years. Standard automobile insur-

ance is not acceptable. Coverage must be at least $20,000 for one person killed or injured; $40,000 for two or more persons killed or injured; and $15,000 for property damage. Your insurance must be submitted on a SR-22 certificate. Any casualty insurance agent can explain this type of insurance to you.

Restricted driving permit (RDP) — partial restoration – allows a driver to operate a motor vehicle in certain areas, hours and days for employment, medical or educational purposes. The driver must prove a hardship exists and submit proof of employment or need for medical care, or an educational verification form and class schedule from school. Drivers convicted for DUI under age 21 are not eligible to apply for an RDP until one year from the effective date of revocation.

Revocation - the loss of driving privileges for an indefinite period. A driver may apply for a restricted driving permit, but cannot apply for reinstatement until eligible. To regain driving privileges, a driver must meet certain legal and administrative requirements.

Reinstatement - full restoration of all driving privileges. Allows driving any time and anywhere providing the driver has obtained a valid driver's license and is not suspended/revoked in another state.

Suspension - the loss of driving privileges for a period of time, generally not more than a 12-month period. A driver may apply for an RDP to operate a motor vehicle during a suspension. Certain suspensions may not allow consideration for an RDP.

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INFORMAL HEARING OFFICER LOCATIONS

Please call the driver services facility of your choice to confirm the availability of the hearing officer.

Primary Hearing Officer Locations (3 or more days per week)

Belleville	1444 Boul Ave., Swansea	(618) 234-2315
Bloomington	504 Guido Circle	(309) 662-8431
Champaign	2401 W.Bradley Ave.	(217) 244-7419
East St. Louis	8750 Church Ln.	(618) 397-9488
Elgin	595 S. State	(708) 697-2105
Joliet	101 S. Larkin St.	(815) 725-5262
LaSalle	536 Third St.	(815) 223-4861
Libertyville	342 Peterson Rd.	(708) 362-8498
Lombard	837 S. Westmore	(708) 629-1069
Mattoon	2020 Charleston Ave.	(217) 234-4040
Midlothian	14434 S. Pulaski	(708) 388-9647
Moline	2040 First St. A, Cityline Plaza	(309) 797-9507
Naperville	1027 W. 75th St., Hobson Plaza	(708) 369-9010
Pekin	200 S. 2nd	(309) 346-7809
Peoria	2010 N. Knoxville	(309) 686-8779
Rockford	3816 Auburn St.	(815) 987-7383
Springfield	Howlett Building, Second & Edwards Sts.	(217) 782-7065
Waukegan	617 S. Green Bay Rd.	(708) 662-8514
Chicago Heights	570 W. 209th St.	(708) 481-0986
Chicago North	5401 N. Elston Ave.	(312) 794-5821
Chicago South	9901 S. Martin L. King Dr.	(312) 995-2615
Chicago West	5301 W. Lexington Ave.	(312) 854-4808
Schaumburg	1227 E. Golf Rd., Woodfield Commons	(708) 619-1452

Part-time Hearing Officer Locations (1-2 days per week)

Bradley	1111 Blatt	(815) 933-1713
Carbondale	1927 W. Main St.	(618) 457-0488
Centralia	418 S. Poplar	(618) 532-1551
Danville	405 Sheridan	(217) 442-1564
Decatur	3149 N. Woodford St.	(217) 875-1650
DeKalb	1360 Oakwood	(815) 756-7781
East Alton	20 Terminal Dr., Suite 103, Civic Memorial Airport, East Alton	(618) 258-0600
Edwardsville	1502A Troy Road	(618) 656-8956
Effingham	444 S. Willow	(217) 347-7728
Freeport	1793 S. West Ave.	(815) 235-4164
Galesburg	1066 E. Losey	(309) 342-1154
Lawrenceville	406 N. 15th St.	(618) 943-7515
Marion	1905 Rendelman St.	(618) 993-2587
Mt. Vernon	320 E. Main St.	(618) 244-1183
Princeton	R.R. 2, Backbone Rd. East	(815) 875-2617
Quincy	2512 Katherine Rd.	(217) 222-4550
Sparta	202 W. Jackson	(618) 443-3834
Sterling	1224 W. Fourth	(815) 626-2825
Vandalia	Old Shopping Center	(618) 283-2262
Woodstock	335 N. Irving	(815) 338-3109

FORMAL HEARING LOCATIONS

Department of Administrative Hearings
17 N. State St., Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 793-3722

Department of Administrative Hearings
Howlett Building, Room 208
Springfield, IL 62756
(217) 782-7065

Department of Administrative Hearings
218 So. 12th St.
Mount Vernon, IL 62864
(618) 242-8986

Department of Administrative Hearings
605 Maple St.
Joliet, IL 60432
(815) 740-7171

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